

10 D<sup>1</sup> ejecting at least a portion of the pressurized fluid against at least one of said forming fabric and said continuous web.

5 ~~19~~ (Twice Amended) A method of forming a continuous web on a forming fabric having a width, comprising the steps of:

providing a pressurized chamber, said pressurized chamber being at least partially defined by a plurality of rolls, said pressurized chamber being fluidly connected to a source of a

5 pressurized fluid;

processing said forming fabric through said pressurized chamber; and

distributing a pressurized flow of slurry having a first composition in said pressurized chamber across said width of said forming fabric to form said continuous web.

2 D<sup>2</sup> ~~20~~ (Amended) A method of forming a continuous web on a forming fabric having a width, comprising the steps of:

providing a pressurized chamber, said pressurized chamber being at least partially defined by at least one of a plurality of rolls and a chamber housing, said pressurized chamber being fluidly

5 connected to a source of a pressurized fluid; said providing a pressurized chamber comprising the step of providing a roller chamber formed of said plurality of rolls, said roller chamber having at least an inlet nip and an outlet nip;

processing said forming fabric through said pressurized chamber; and

10 distributing a pressurized flow of slurry having a first composition in said pressurized chamber across said width of said forming fabric to form the continuous web, said continuous web being de-watered at said outlet nip after formation thereof.

3 ~~21~~ (Amended) A method of forming a continuous web on a forming fabric having a width, comprising the steps of:

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providing a pressurized chamber, said pressurized chamber being at least partially defined  
by at least one of a plurality of rolls and a chamber housing, said pressurized chamber being fluidly  
5 connected to a source of a pressurized fluid;

processing said forming fabric through said pressurized chamber;

distributing a pressurized flow of slurry having a first composition in said pressurized  
chamber across said width of said forming fabric to form said continuous web;

providing a second pressurized chamber, said second pressurized chamber being at least  
10 partially defined by being at least one of a plurality of second rolls and a second chamber housing;  
and

processing said forming fabric through said second pressurized chamber.

#### REMARKS

Claims 8-12 and 19-21 are pending in this application. Claims 8-11 and 19 are rejected;  
claim 12 is withdrawn from consideration; and claims 20 and 21 are objected to. Claims 8, 19, 20  
and 21 are amended hereby; and claim 12 is cancelled hereby.

Responsive to the rejection of claims 8-11 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being  
anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,330,723 (Nisser), Applicant has amended claims 8 and 19 and  
submits that claims 8-11 and 19 are now in condition for allowance.

Nisser discloses a head box 1 and wire part 9 of a Fourdrinier paper making machine.  
Screen 9 is passed around a breast roller 21 and over other rollers, such as a deflecting roller 22  
and a tensioning roller 23. Screen 9 is moved in the direction of arrow p. Above screen 9 is  
positioned a head box 1 which is closed except for its inlet and outlet conduits and which is  
divided by a separating wall 2 into two containers 4 and 5. Screen 9 provides in relation to the